

PATENT Customer No. 22,582 Attorney Docket No. 03495.0320 (formerly 05394.0011)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Stewart COLE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634
Application No.: 09/673,476) Examiner: Jehanne Sitton
Filed: November 30, 2000)
For: A METHOD FOR ISOLATING A POLYNUCLEOTIDE OF INTEREST FROM THE GENOME OF A MYCOBACTERIUM USING A BAC- BASED DNA LIBRARY, APPLICATION TO THE DETECTION OF MYCOBACTERIA) Confirmation No.: 5289)))))))
Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450	

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 10, 2004, the period for response having been extended to December 10, 2004, by a request for extension of three months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper, beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper, beginning on page 8.